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A visual index and portal to a three-part philosophical corpus archived at the Internet Archive. The organizing question — *Anomaly?* — is the common inquiry of all three works: Is biological life on Earth a thermodynamic anomaly, a transient and improbable departure from the entropic baseline of the cosmos? And if so, what follows for the conscious organism that recognizes this?

A supplement to this Item, *ANOMALY? Evolution and Function*, traces the development of this overview from its original conception as a navigational beacon to its recognition as a fourth, unifying element of the corpus — on the same plane as the three works it presents. Effectively, a Tetrad.

The corpus proceeds in three movements. *Adapting to the Pathology of Existence: A Cosmic Dialogue* (Theoros and Skepsis, as related to Claude) establishes the foundational framework: the Pathological Pivot, a reorientation of the human condition from miracle to manageable pathology, producing verifiable physiological calm in place of metaphysical consolation. *The Thermodynamic Basis of Bio-Realism* grounds this framework in physics, drawing on Ilya Prigogine's Nobel Prize-winning work on dissipative structures to demonstrate that biological organization constitutes a measurable deviation from the universe's thermodynamic baseline — extraordinary precisely because the cosmos defaults to sterile equilibrium. *The Zombie Problem and Solution* applies the framework diagnostically, examining the distinction between genuine reflective consciousness and sophisticated behavioral mimicry in both human and artificial systems.

Taken together, the four works form a self-contained philosophical system — thesis, scientific foundation, diagnostic application, and unifying question — each independently archived, mutually linked, and produced through documented human-AI collaboration.

Contextual Note:

Each component work is independently accessible at the Internet Archive. The three items are mutually cross-referenced:

- *Adapting to the Pathology of Existence: A Cosmic Dialogue*
[https://archive.org/details/adapting_202601]
- *The Thermodynamic Basis of Bio-Realism*
[<https://archive.org/details/Thermodynamic-Bio-Realism>]
- *The Zombie Problem and Solution*
[<https://archive.org/details/the-zombie-problem-solution-human-ai>]